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DISEASES AT WORK PLACE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a report of World Health Organisation (WHO) and World Economic Forum (WEF) work place in the country has became the cause of many non-communicable diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;and

(c) the steps being taken to address the problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Government is aware of the burden of non-communicable diseases.The root cause of these non-communicable diseases is unhealthy lifestyle, consumption of tobacco, alcohol and junk food.One of the conclusions of the WHO report acknowledges the fact that workplace has been internationally recognized as an appropriate setting for health promotion and addressing diet and physical activity in this setting can,among other things,serve to improve the health status of workers.

(c) The pilot phase of the National Programme for prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke has already been launched in 10 States (one district in each State) early this year.The Planning Commission has provided an outlay of Rs.1660.50 crore for 11th Five Year Plan.